

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1278 - SB 1279

March 4, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Lowers the minimum visual acuity requirement for non-commercial driver licenses and permits from 20/40 to 20/50.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent that the required modifications to the Department of Safety’s A-List system can be accomplished within available resources provided under the current vendor contract, the proposed legislation will not result in a significant increase in state expenditures. Otherwise, those modifications could result in a one-time increase in state expenditures of up to \$15,000 in FY23-24.

Assumptions:

- The change to the visual acuity standard will require modifications to the Department of Safety’s (DOS) A-List system for service transactions. As provided by the vendor, the estimated cost to perform the modifications is \$15,000.
- It is assumed that these modifications can be accomplished by the vendor under the current contractual agreement without a need for additional expenditures; therefore, any fiscal impact to DOS is estimated to be not significant.
- However, if the scope of work required by this and other legislation subsequently enacted exhausts the relevant contract provision, the proposed legislation could result in an increase in state expenditures up to \$15,000 in FY23-24.
- Lowering the minimum visual acuity requirement is not expected to result in a significant increase in additional driver licenses and permits issued by DOS.
- There will not be a sufficient increase in the number of prosecutions for driving violations for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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